

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 27-42 are pending. No claims have been amended, cancelled, or added.

Therefore, claims 27-42 are now presented for examination.

Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to include a reference to an issued patent (U.S. Patent No. 6,724,814) together with the cited patent application.

No other changes have been made to the specification.

Information Disclosure Statement

An information disclosure statement is filed herewith. This statement includes related matters that are cited in the current patent application but were not specifically addressed in the prior information disclosure statement.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 27-42 under the doctrine of nonstatutory double patenting, based on U.S. Patent No. 6,721,363 of Qiu, et al.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on the present application, as provided in the terms of the document.

It is submitted that the filing of the terminal disclaimer fully responds to the rejection, and the rejection should now be removed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time if Needed

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) if an extension is needed. Please charge any required fee to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666..

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Respectfully submitted,

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